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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 27, 2006, for which a response was due on April 27, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 27, 2006. This deadline falls on a Saturday; and May 29, 2006 is a Federal holiday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.